

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected below in the **Listing of Claims**, which replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A device for allowing secure identification of an individual when accessing information comprising:
  - a serial bus port;
  - a controller coupled to the serial bus port; and
  - a storage medium coupled to the controller[[:]], wherein the storage medium ~~including~~ includes security information which can be accessed by the controller, and said security information includes a unique identification, embedded into the device, to identify the device.
2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the serial bus port comprises any ~~combination~~ one of a firewire port, USB port or an infiniband port.
3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 ~~in which~~ wherein the storage medium comprises a memory.
4. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 ~~in which~~ wherein the security information comprises a plurality of levels.
5. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 4 wherein the plurality of levels comprises any combination of a level for providing the identity of the individual; ~~a level for identifying a unique identifier for the device;~~ and a level for indicating where the device has been used.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 wherein the identity of the individual being provided access is provided via a password.

8. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein the identity of the individual is provided via biometric information.
9. (Original) The device of claim 4 wherein the plurality of levels are tamper proof.
10. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the security information can be enhanced or modified by downloading data to the device.
11. (Currently Amended) A system for allowing for secure identification of an individual when accessing information comprising:
- a central hub;
  - a plurality of key touchpoints coupled to the central hub; and
  - at least one device coupled to at least one of a plurality of key touchpoints, the at least one device comprising a serial port ;
  - a controller coupled to the serial port; and
  - a storage medium coupled to the controller[[:]] wherein the storage medium ~~including~~ includes security information which can be accessed by the controller, and said security information includes a unique identification, embedded into the device, to identify the device.
12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the serial bus port comprises any ~~combination~~ one of a firewire port, USB port or an infiniband port.
13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein each of the ~~last~~ at least one touchpoints comprises a personal computer.
14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 ~~in which~~ wherein the storage medium comprises a memory.
15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 ~~in which~~ wherein the security information comprises a plurality of levels.
16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the plurality of levels comprises any combination of a level for providing the identity of the individual; ~~a level~~

~~for identifying a unique identifier for the device;~~ and a level for indicating where the device has been used.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 wherein the identity of the individual [[is]] provided access is provided via a password.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the identity of the individual is provided via biometric information.

20. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the plurality of levels are tamper proof.

21. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the security information within a device can be enhanced or modified by downloading data to the device.